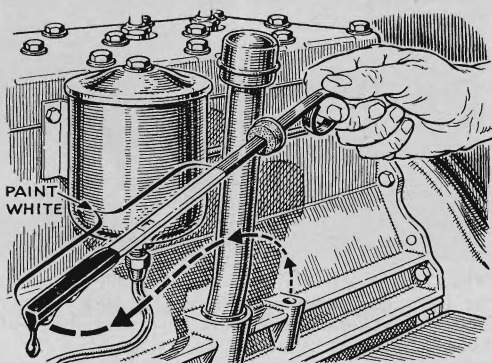




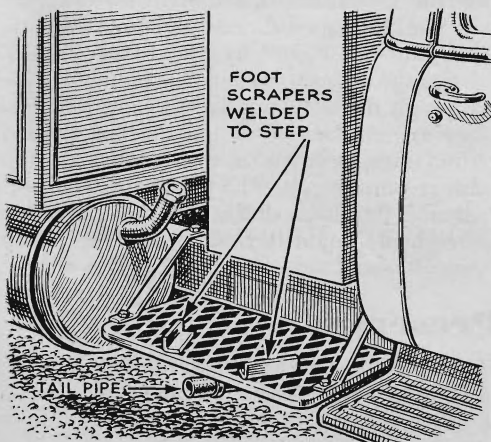
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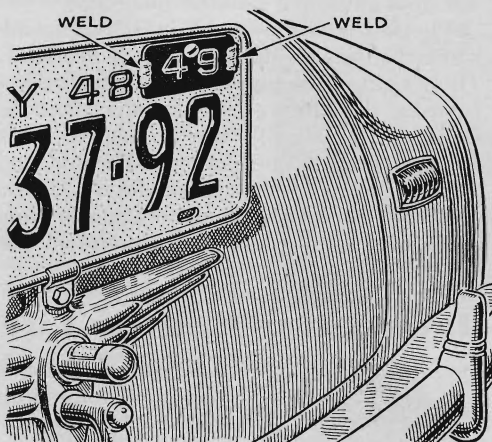
**Oil Drained into Flat Can.** Some new cars are so low that it's awkward to drain the crankcase without a lift. The job calls for a shallow but capacious pan. Victor H. Lamoy, of Upper Jay, N. Y., reports that an empty 2-gal. oil can with a large opening cut in one side gets under easily. Leave a lip around the hole to keep the oil from slopping when you drag out the filled can.



**White Stick Shows Oil Level.** It's always a little difficult to be sure of the oil level on a dark dip stick. M. M. Dierks, of Chicago, says a coating of white lacquer has taken care of the problem in his case. Before applying the lacquer, he scoured off all traces of oil from the stick and then cleaned it thoroughly with a wire scratch wheel to give good adhesion.



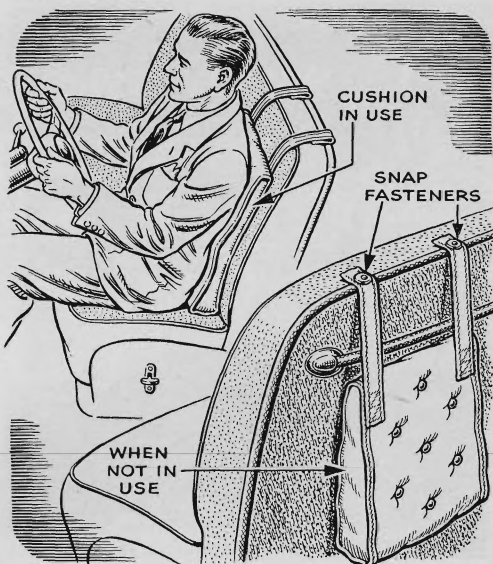
**Foot Scraper Aids Safety.** Wet mud is as dangerous on the step and floor of a truck cab as slippery ice. Operators of one Texas truck fleet welded foot scrapers on auxiliary steps just behind the regular ones to enable drivers to clean their shoes as they enter. To keep the step clear in winter, the exhaust line is piped underneath.



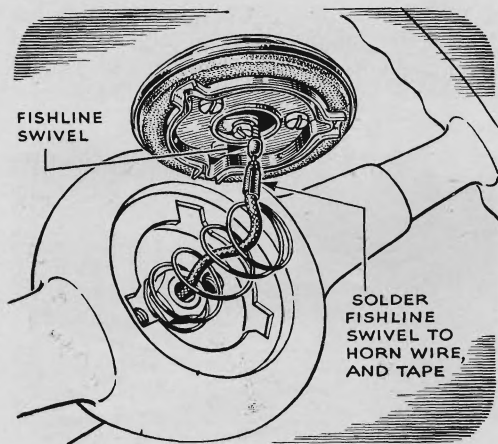
**Welding Prevents Loss.** To save metal, several states have adopted the practice of issuing small year tags for renewal of old license plates. To prevent loss or theft, you can tack-weld them to the plate. If carefully done, low-heat arc welding will not distort the metal nor burn more than a small, easily retouched area of paint.



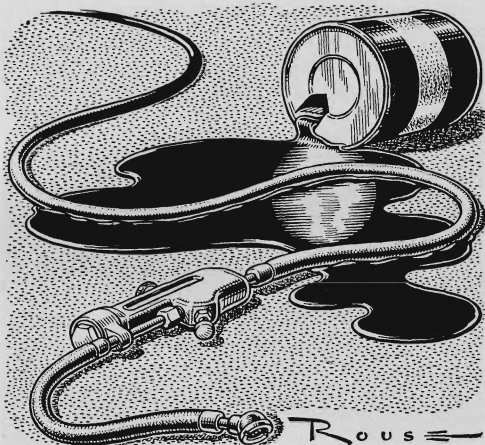
**Handkerchief Tags Car.** When you must park in a lot where there are hundreds of cars, as at the beach, ball park, or fair grounds, you can make it easier to find your car by extending the radio aerial to its full height. First tie a handkerchief or piece of tissue paper to its tip.



**Back Rest Flips Out of Way.** Does your wife need a cushion behind her to reach the pedals easily? Here's an excellent method of having the cushion always available but still out of the way when not needed. You may also find it handy yourself for changing your position on long drives.



**Swivel Safeguards Horn Wire.** In some cars the horn wire inside the steering column is subjected to considerable twisting: C. B. Hopkins, of Tacoma, Wash., found that this caused the wire on his 1941 Ford to break several times. A brass fishline swivel, taped as shown above, took care of the problem nicely.



**Oil Rots Rubber.** If you run a shop, you know the cost of air hoses, battery-charger cables, and other rubber equipment. One sure way of increasing this cost is illustrated here. Grease and oil cause rubber to disintegrate rapidly. So keep such equipment off the floor. It's also a good idea to wipe off the lines occasionally.